



#405Improvement

# I-405 Improvement Project

## Bushard Street Bridge

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Why is the Bushard Street bridge closing?**

Crews will be demolishing and rebuilding the bridge as part of the I-405 Improvement Project. The bridge is anticipated to close in late August or early September for pre-demolition activities. Full demolition, which will include overnight freeway closures, is anticipated to begin in early to mid-September. Dates and times are subject to change.

#### **What's involved in constructing the new Bushard Street bridge?**

The bridge will be rebuilt in one stage and will be closed to traffic during construction. Detours will be in place; however, motorists should expect delays.

#### **How long will it take to construct the new bridge?**

Construction will take approximately 12 months.

#### **Will the bridge be open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic?**

No. The bridge will be closed to all traffic. Detours will be in place and signs will be posted to navigate pedestrians around the closure. Please see the Bushard Street Bridge Closure Detour Map for approved closures and detours.

#### **How much wider will the new Bushard Street bridge be?**

The new bridge will be approximately 78 feet wide, which is about 17 feet wider than the existing bridge.

#### **What will be the height of the new Bushard Street bridge?**

The new bridge will be about 27 feet tall, which is about 2 1/2 feet taller than the existing bridge.

#### **How many lanes will the new Bushard Street bridge have?**

The bridge will have four lanes, the same as the existing bridge.

#### **Why will the bridge be wider if there won't be additional lanes?**

The bridge is being widened to accommodate a painted 10-foot-wide median and wider shoulders.

#### **What about lanes for bicyclists?**

The new Bushard Street bridge will have bike lanes in each direction, the same as the existing bridge.

#### **What are the hours of construction activities?**

In general, most of the work will be performed during the day behind temporary concrete barriers, known as K-rail. However, some activities, such as placing K-rail, striping lanes, shifting traffic and demolishing the bridge, must be done at night for the safety of work crews, motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

#### **What should the neighborhood expect during demolition?**

Demolition will include the use of equipment to break up concrete, and excavators, bulldozers and trucks to remove rubble. Water trucks will be on-site to keep dust to a minimum, as required.



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#### **Will noise levels be monitored?**

Yes. Caltrans standards will be enforced. Residents may hear back-up alarms and noise from other construction activities. The alarms are required for employee safety purposes by state regulation on all construction equipment in use. The sound level must be audible for 200 feet and distinguishable from the surrounding noise.

#### **Have surrounding businesses, schools and churches been notified?**

Yes.

#### **How will the neighborhood be notified of upcoming activities?**

Flyers will be delivered approximately one week prior to all major activities such as demolition and pile driving. In addition, the OCTA Community Outreach Team will notify residents, businesses and motorists of all activities via weekly email and text alerts, through automated phone calls, on the project website and via social media.

#### **Whom do residents contact if they have questions, concerns or claims?**

Contact the Community Outreach Team by emailing [405project@octa.net](mailto:405project@octa.net), or by calling the project helplines. For **English and Spanish**, call **888-400-8994**; for **Vietnamese**, call **888-662-6569**. You may also message us on social media.